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ROBERT COSTANZA April 4



"Local Politics of Sustainability"

Monday, April 4, 2005, 5:30-7:00 pm
Seattle Central Library Auditorium

FEATURING: Dr. Robert Costanza

Director, Gund Institute for Ecological
Economics, University of Vermont

Addressing today's pressing social and environmental needs requires that we look at the whole picture, integrating knowledge across natural and social systems. Dr. Robert Costanza, a leader in sustainable community development, will discuss opportunities for land use planning policies that reflect the true costs to the economy, environment and community and lead to more sustainable development patterns.

The Gund Institute for Ecological Economics, directed by Costanza, pursues integrated research, education, design and leadership. It transcends traditional disciplinary boundaries in order to address the complex interrelationships between ecological and economic systems in a broad and comprehensive way.

Costanza's research has focused on the interface between ecological and economic systems, particularly at larger temporal and spatial scales. This includes landscape level spatial simulation modeling; analysis of energy and material flows through economic and ecological systems; valuation of ecosystem services, biodiversity and natural capital; and analysis of dysfunctional incentive systems and ways to correct them. He is the author or co-author of over 300 scientific papers and 16 books, and more than 80 interviews and reports on his work have appeared in various media, including: *Newsweek*, *U.S. News and World Report*, *The Economist*, *The New York Times*, *Science*, *Nature*, *National Geographic*, and *National Public Radio*.

Costanza received his Ph.D. from the University of Florida in 1979 in systems ecology, with a minor in economics. He also holds a Masters degree in Architecture and Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Florida. Costanza also served as the director of the University of Maryland Institute for Ecological Economics and as a professor in the Center for Environmental Science at Solomons.

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